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Upcoming Meetings, Conferences and Training

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Animal Feeding Operations Strategy Public Listening Sessions

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. EPA will conduct public listening sessions where interested individuals can ask questions and provide feedback on the draft Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations. This national strategy is one of the key actions in the Clean Water Action Plan announced by President Clinton in February 1998.

The public is invited to attend the sessions and attain a better understanding of the draft strategy. The dates for the sessions are listed in the table below. After a brief overview of the draft strategy, a question and answer discussion will be held.

Those who wish to speak at a session may either make arrangements in advance by calling the contact listed for the session or sign up at the session. Time for each speaker will be limited to allow time for all to be heard.

All are encouraged to provide detailed written comments concerning the draft strategy. Written comments will not be accepted at the sessions, but addressed envelopes will be provided for mailing written comments. Written comments will be accepted through January 19, 1999, and should be sent to the mailing address or e-mail address below:

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SRF Funding Framework Workshops

The SRF Funding Framework Workshops are well under way. Region X held their workshop on October 14-15 in Spokane, Washington. Region VIII held their workshop in Denver on October 27-28. Over 60 water quality professionals were in attendance, representing various nonpoint source, wetlands, estuary, agricultural, and brownfield programs.

The interactive workshop involves the audience in presentations, sharing of ideas, and discussion. Topics include:

- ✓ Today's water quality problems and priorities
- ✓ Kinds of projects the SRF can fund

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- ✓ How the SRF works & its advantages
- ✓ Improving and expanding SRF Planning and Priority Setting Systems
- ✓ Use of environmental information and watershed plans
- ✓ How to get your water quality project funded by the SRF

For more information on the funding framework workshops, please see dates, times and contacts below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
12/2-3/98	SRF Funding Framework Workshop	Region VI	Velma Smith (214) 665-7153
12/3/98	Meeting with the Utility Water Act Group and Edison Electric Institute. At this meeting an update on Section 316(b) regulatory activities will be provided.	EPA, Headquarters	Debra Nagle (202) 260-2656
12/3/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Seattle, WA	Jeff Lape
12/4/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Des Moines, IA	Jeff Lape (202) 260-6057 Will Hall (202) 260-1458
12/9/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Chattanooga, TN	Will Hall (202) 260-1458
12/9-10/98	SRF Funding Framework Workshop	Region IV	Sheryl Parsons (404) 562-9337
12/10/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Indianapolis, IN	Jeff Lape (202) 260-6057
12/10/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Fort Worth, TX	Jim Pendergast (202) 260-9545
12/14-15/98	Meeting with States and other stakeholders on needs assessment for the water programs. This meeting will focus on developing total needs estimates and short and long term strategies for both maximizing available resources and for satisfying water program needs. It will cover the drinking water program, the water quality program and both SRF programs. The desired outcome is to reach consensus on what comprises a national water program and to develop a consistent approach which may be used at both the State and Federal level in costing programs and justifying resources.	Washington, D.C.	Jane Ephremides (202) 260-3897

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12/14/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Denver, CO	Jim Pendergast (202) 260-9545
12/15/98	AFO's Public Listening Session	Annapolis, MD	Jeff Lape (202) 260-6057
12/16-17/98	SRF Funding Framework Workshop	Region VII	Donna Morre (913)551-7741
12/14-16/98	There will be a conference titled "Nutrient Management in the 21st Century" in Denver Colorado, from Dec. 14-16, 1998. It is sponsored by Americas's Clean Water Foundation through financial assistance from both EPA and the USDA. The vision of the conference is to examine innovative approaches to nutrient management underway at the Federal, State, and Local level. It will bring together a broad range of stakeholders from government agencies, farming and urban communities, academia, environmental organizations and agricultural business in order to identify and promote the development and implementation of innovative successful nutrient management strategies that protect the environment.	Denver, CO	Linda Eichmiller Joel Salter (202) 260-4847

OTHER INFORMATION

New CWSRF Factsheets Available

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Branch has recently published the following two new fact sheets: *Funding Estuary Projects Using the Clean Water State Revolving Fund* (EPA 832-F-98-005) and *Funding Brownfield Remediation with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund* (EPA 832-F-98-006). These fact sheets provide quick Brownfield and 320 (Estuary) Program overviews and show how they can tap into the vast financial resources of the CWSRF. Case studies and project eligibility lists are included. For further information, or to receive a copy, contact Kristin Kenausis at (202) 260-2036.